



Wallands Community Primary School

Monthly Newsletter

Monday 5th October 2020



Message from Mrs Collis

The weeks are flying past at the moment and the children have really settled back into the routine of school. I have been really impressed with the positive atmosphere in the classrooms and how much children are enjoying their learning.

The children seemed to have adapted well to the new situation we find ourselves in and we are finding that the children are some of the most adaptable and resilient people in our community. All credit to your children in how they have returned to school – you should be very proud of them! Thank you for continuing to take responsibility for all the measures that we as a school have in place; including social distancing in the playground, using the one-way system and managing the staggered drop off and pick up times. It is likely that these will be in place for some time and we must make sure that they remain high priority for the safety of everybody.

Just a couple of reminders about the arrangements we have put in place:

- The guidance from the DfE states that it is important to ensure good ventilation and to maximise this wherever possible, for example by opening windows and propping open doors in classrooms. Could we ask that children wear school jumpers and/or fleeces to ensure they are warm enough.
- A reminder that the footpath we have included in our one-way system, is a public footpath and therefore there will be members of the public also using this, please be mindful of this.

Attendance at School

The Health and Safety of our whole community is of vital importance, particularly at this time. It is essential that we all work together to keep our school open and all of our pupils, parents and carers and staff safe and well.

Under current government guidance, school attendance will be treated in the same way as it was prior to Covid-19. Children are expected to attend school with a percentage of over 96%. School attendance will be monitored in the usual way.

We ask that Parents and Carers contact school by 9am if their child is not coming in. You can do this in the following ways:

- E-mail the school e-mail on: office@wallandscp.e-sussex.sch.uk
- Telephone the school 01273 472776, or leave a message with the receptionist or on the answerphone provided.

It is important that you provide your child's full name, their class and the reason for their absence. Thank you for your co-operation in advance.

Absence due to sickness – other illnesses

Pupils will undoubtedly get their usual coughs and colds. If they need to remain at home because of this, please contact school in the morning of the absence so we can keep the register updated with the reason for absence. If a child has had vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48 hours following the final bout of either illness.

What to do if your child develops Covid symptoms:

The NHS website gives details about how to check for the main coronavirus symptoms.

As a reminder: if you, your child or anyone you live with develops any one of the following symptoms:

- A new, continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature and/or
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

Then you must follow Government guidance to stay at home;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

In line with current government guidance, if your child has symptoms they should self-isolate for 10 days and arrange with NHS.UK to have a test. If one child in the family had symptoms, other family members should self-isolate while a test is undertaken.

Please contact school to let them know you are self-isolating while you wait for your results.

For more detailed information for parents and carers, the flow chart entitled 'What do I do if....' provides further guidance.

Governors

We have now had our first governors meeting of the year. During the meeting, Sara Russet was elected as Chair, Al Read continues in the role of Co-Vice Chair and Daniel Salter was elected as Co-Vice Chair. Sara has been the lead governor for pupil premium for the last few years, and Daniel has led on safeguarding since becoming a parent governor. We welcome them all into these new roles.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Holly Aquilina, who was Co-Vice Chair last year, and worked hard in this role to support the school and we are pleased that she will remain on the Governing Body.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Noah Curthoys, who has been fantastic in his contribution to the school as Chair. He has worked tirelessly for the school, always championing Wallands and providing valuable consistency and experience on the governing body, which we thank him for greatly. I'm pleased that Noah will remain on the Governing Body this year.

Building Update

Most of the Language Centre building has now been completed, and Pearl class have started to use the new rooms and will move into their new space over this week. The space looks incredible and I know the children are really looking forward to being in there.



School Photos – Friday 16th October

Please note that due to the current year group 'bubble' arrangements only individual photos will be taken by Tempest on Friday 16th October so unfortunately there will be no sibling photos taken that day.

Website

We are currently developing a new school website and should be able to share this with you after half term.

Class Dojo

Thank you for signing up to Class Dojo over the last few months, we now have a number of classes where we have 100% of parents/carers who have signed up to the site. Overall across the school there are about 85% of parents who are signed up, which is great. Teachers are using the site to share home learning and to give updates about what the children are learning in class.

Remote learning

Along with this newsletter you are receiving a document to summarise our remote learning plans. The plan is to ensure that learning is continued, irrespective of lockdown and self-isolation. You may have already seen some of the remote learning on Class Dojo for those children unable to be in school currently.

Half term Holiday Club

We are offering a half term Holiday Club. The Holiday Club will be open from 7.30am – 6pm. The children will have access to our great facilities; including the outside area, with the climbing frame and woodchip area. A range of activities will be on offer throughout the day. Half day bookings can be made from 7.30a.m. to 12.45p.m. or 12.45p.m. to 6p.m. Half day sessions are charged at £15. Whole day bookings are also available from 7.30a.m. to 6pm, these will be charged at £25.

It will be dependent on numbers as to whether we can offer every day, however if you are interested please contact extended@wallandscp.e-sussex.sch.uk

Secondary school transfer for September 2021 entry

Important Dates:

Saturday 31 October: Closing date for applications – please note this is during the half-term break.

Monday 1 March 2021: Emails will be sent in the evening with results of your application.

Monday 15 March 2021: Deadline for acceptance/refusal of places.

Parent Consultations

Due to the current situation, we will be unable to run Parent Consultation meetings in the same way as previous years. However we are exploring two on line systems, where parents would be able to access a 'simple to use' video link. We are currently testing both of these and ensuring it will work well for all parents/carers. Each online meeting will last 10 minutes, and it will work on computers/ phones/ tablets. We are really excited to offer this opportunity to ensure the parent/ school relationship can flourish! Please keep an eye out for further information about our parent consultation meetings.

Wallands is a nut free school

Please can you ensure that you do not give your children any nuts or products containing nuts to bring into school in their lunchboxes or as a snack. As well as the obvious nut products, you cannot give your child peanut butter and Nutella chocolate spread as well as a number of healthy/cereal bars and other products that have nuts of any kind as an ingredient. Please do check carefully the contents of lunchboxes and the ingredients list on snacks – the slightest trace of nuts can be very dangerous for a number of our pupils.

Flu Vaccinations

A NHS flu immunisation team will be coming into school on 9th December. All children from Reception to Year 6 can have the vaccination that is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Consent forms have been handed out to every child to bring home. If you do not want your child to have the flu spray we would ask that you return your completed form with this information noted.

AUTUMN TERM 2020

October 2020

Friday	16	Whole School Photos
Friday	23	End of Term 1
Saturday	31	Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline

Monday 26th October 2020 – Friday 30th October 2020 - Autumn Term Break

November 2020

Monday	2	Start of Term 2
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Friday 6th November 2019 – Inset Day

December 2020

Wednesday	9	Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Session R-Y6
Wednesday	16	School Christmas Lunch – Wear something Christmassy - donations welcome.
Friday	18	End of Term 2

Monday 21st December 2020 – Friday 1st January 2021 – Christmas Break

School Term and Holiday Dates 2020– 2021



	SEPTEMBER 2020	OCTOBER 2020	NOVEMBER 2020	DECEMBER 2020
Monday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Saturday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Sunday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
	JANUARY 2021	FEBRUARY 2021	MARCH 2021	APRIL 2021
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
	MAY 2021	JUNE 2021	JULY 2021	AUGUST 2021
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
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Bank and Public Holidays 2020 - 2021

Christmas Day	Friday 25 December 2020	Easter Monday	Monday 5 April 2021
Boxing Day Holiday*	Monday 28 December 2020	Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2021
New Year's Day	Friday 1 January 2021	Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 31 May 2021
Good Friday	Friday 2 April 2021	Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 30 August 2021

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend

Key

Staff Training Day (INSET DAY)		Start of term for pupils		End of Term		Public Holidays		School Holidays	
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Term Length (Days)	INSET Days				
Term 1	3 September 2020	-	23 October 2020	37	Thursday 3rd September 2020
<i>Autumn term break</i>	26 October 2020	-	30 October 2020		Friday 4th September 2020
Term 2	2 November 2020	-	18 December 2020	35	Friday 6th November 2020
<i>Christmas break</i>	21 December 2020	-	1 January 2021		Thursday 1st April 2021
Term 3	4 January 2021	-	12 February 2021	30	
<i>February break</i>	15 February 2021	-	19 February 2021		
Term 4	22 February 2021	-	1 April 2021	29	
<i>April break</i>	2 April 2021	-	16 April 2021		
Term 5	19 April 2021	-	28 May 2021	29	
<i>May break</i>	31 May 2021	-	4 June 2021		
Term 6	7 June 2021	-	23 July 2021	35	
			Total	195	